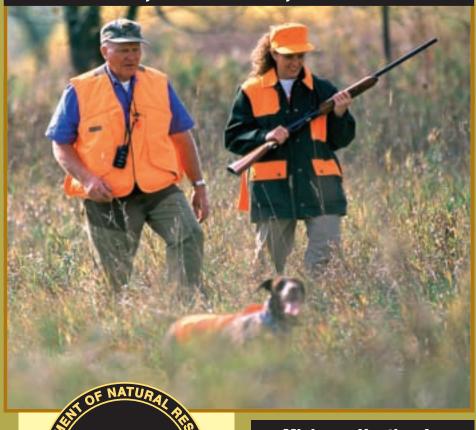


2006 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide

Regulations apply August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007, unless otherwise noted

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- Minimum Hunting Age Lowered to Age 10
- Apprentice Hunter Program Established

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	Minimum age for hunting license lowered to 10 years old. See page 4.
	Minimum age for firearm deer, bear or elk license on private land lowered to
	12 years old. The minimum age to hunt these species with a firearm on public
	land remains 14 years old. See pages 6 and 8.
	Apprentice hunter: regular fees and age requirements apply.
	Apprentice hunter must be accompanied by an adult licensed hunter 21 or
	older. See more details on pages 5 and 8.
	Apprentice hunter: hunter safety class not required for up to two years.

Major Regulation Changes for 2006

Now Laws in Effect for 2006 Fall Huntin

- Hunters are limited to three private land antlerless deer licenses, of which no more than two may be purchased for Zones 1 and 2 combined.
- A landowner's telephone number is required to purchase a private land antlerless license.
- ☐ For Zones 1 and 2 there is a 40 contiguous acre, under one ownership, requirement to purchase a private land anterless license, except in the TB special management units.
- Bobcat trapping season is closed in Units C and D.
- ☐ A free kill tag is required for bobcat, otter, fisher and marten.
- Individuals under eight years of age may not obtain kill tags for bobcat, otter, fisher and marten.
- ☐ The marten trapping permit is eliminated. A free kill tag now is required.

Reminders for 2006

- Out-of-state deer and elk hunters see import restriction on pages 21-22.
- You may purchase one archery license AND one firearm license OR one combination license. It is unlawful to purchase additional archery, firearm or combination licenses.
- If you are planning to hunt migratory birds (ducks, geese, woodcock, snipe, rails, etc.) this fall, you must have the HIP endorsement. See page 30.

Hunter Harassment

Hunters in Michigan have the right to enjoy their sport free from deliberate interference. Individuals whose hunting is being obstructed should promptly report the violation to a local conservation officer, the nearest DNR Operations Service Center or by calling 800-292-7800. Complaints also can be submitted online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Sportsperson Discount

A 15 percent discount is provided when four or more licenses are purchased at one time for the same person. The waterfowl hunting license, 24-hour fishing license and all-species upgrade license are not eligible for this discount.

REPORT ALL POACHING Call: 800-292-7800

Hunting License Fees

License Number	License Type	Minimum Age	Fee
000	DNR Sportcard		\$1.00
Deer*			
140	Resident Firearm Deer	12	\$15.00
141	Senior Firearm Deer (residents only)	65	\$6.00
145	Resident Archery Deer	173	\$15.00
146	Senior Archery Deer (residents only)	65	\$6.00
147	Junior Archery Deer	10-16	\$7.50
142	Nonresident Firearm Deer	171	\$138.00
148	Nonresident Archery Deer	171	\$138.00
340	Combination Deer Resident	173	\$30.00
341	Combination Deer Senior	65	\$12.00
342	Combination Deer Junior	$10-16^2$	\$15.00
343	Combination Deer Nonresident	171	\$276.00
Fur Harvester-	Valid through March 31, 2007		
190	Resident Fur Harvester	17 ³	\$15.00
191	Senior Fur Harvester (residents only)	65	\$6.00
192	Junior Fur Harvester	10-16	\$7.50
195	Junior Fur Harvester (trap only)	up to 16	\$7.50
193	Nonresident Fur Harvester	. 17¹	\$150.00
Small Game-V	/alid through March 31, 2007 except 3-day licenses		
130	Resident Small Game	17 ³	\$15.00
131	Senior Small Game (residents only)	65	\$6.00
132	Junior Small Game	10-16	\$1.00
133	Nonresident Small Game	171	\$69.00
134	3-Day Nonresident Small Game	17	\$30.00
Gamebird Hu	nting Preserve-Valid through March 31, 2007		
139	Gamebird Hunting Preserve	10	\$15.00

^{*}These hunting licenses expire at the end of the season for which they are issued.

Restricted Hunting ApplicationsApplications for restricted hunt drawings (bear, elk, antlerless deer, turkey and waterfowl) may be purchased during the designated application period from licensed dealers or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Application	Period
Spring Wild Turkey Hunting	January 1-February 1
Bear Hunting	April 15-May 15
Elk Hunting	June 15-July 15
Antlerless Deer Hunting	July 15-August 15
Fall Wild Turkey Hunting	July 1-August 1
Reserved Waterfowl Hunts	August 1-28

¹Nonresidents under age 17 may purchase resident licenses.

²Not valid for 10- and 11-year-olds unless archery only hunting.

³ Residents and nonresidents under age 17 may purchase the junior license at reduced price. See page 33 for exceptions.

License Information

Regular hunting or fur harvester license

To purchase a regular hunting or fur harvester license, you must have one of the following:

- A valid Michigan Driver License.
- A valid Michigan ID Card (issued by the Secretary of State) with additional proof of Michigan residency, such as a Michigan voter registration card.
- A Michigan DNR Sportcard (issued through license dealers or DNR Web site). If the information on your DNR Sportcard from a previous year is still accurate, you may continue to use it.

In order to purchase a regular hunting license, all hunters born on or after January 1, 1960, also must present their hunter safety certificate, previous hunting license or sign their license in the presence of the license dealer. This also applies to hunters who intend to hunt furbearers under a fur harvester license.

- ☐ All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature certifies that you meet the residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase the license.
- When hunting or trapping, you must carry your license and the identification used to purchase that license.
- ☐ It is illegal to use another person's hunting license.

Note: A junior fur harvester-trap only license is available for youngsters who do not satisfy the training requirements for purchasing a hunting license.

To qualify for any adult resident hunting or fur harvester license, you must meet one of the following criteria:

- Reside in a settled or permanent home or domicile within the boundaries of this state with the intention of remaining in this state.
- Be a full-time student at a Michigan college or university.
- ☐ Serve full time in the U.S. Military and be officially stationed in Michigan.

The ownership of land in Michigan by itself is not a qualification for a resident license.

Persons serving in the U.S. Military, who, at the time of enlistment, were residents of Michigan and who have maintained resident status for the purposes of obtaining a driver license or voting and who are stationed outside the state, may purchase any hunting license that does not require a separate application for \$1. The individual must present leave papers, duty papers, military orders or other evidence verifying that he or she is stationed outside the state, and a Michigan Driver License or voter registration. These licenses, available at all license dealers and DNR Operations Service Centers, are valid for up to two weeks during the established season. The license buyer can designate the exact hunting period.

Apprentice hunting license

A person who does not have a hunter safety certificate may purchase an apprentice hunting license. An apprentice hunter may purchase this license for two license years before he or she must successfully complete a hunter safety course. The apprentice hunting license is available to residents and nonresidents.

Apprentice hunters under age 17, when afield, must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 21 or older designated by their parent or guardian.

This individual must possess a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter. "Accompanied by" requires the adult to be able to come to the immediate aid of the other person and staying within a distance from the other person that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact.

Apprentice hunters 17 and older, when afield, must be accompanied by someone 21 or older, who possesses a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter.

A person may accompany no more than two apprentice hunters while hunting

Special Rules for Young Hunters (10-16 Years of Age)

See page 30 for Youth Hunting Opportunities.

Hunters can be licensed at age 10. A hunter must be at least 12 years old to hunt deer, bear or elk with a firearm. Hunters age 12-14 may hunt deer, bear or elk with a firearm only on private land.

Exception: Everyone 10 or older is required to have a license to hunt when participating in a bear or bobcat hunt with dogs.

To obtain a regular hunting license, your parent or guardian must accompany you to a license dealer. You must fill out an application and present your Michigan hunter safety certificate at this time. For information on hunter safety classes, check the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr or contact the nearest DNR Operations Service Center (back cover).

Hunters under age 17, when afield, must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 18 or older designated by their parent or guardian. "Accompanied by" requires the adult to be able to come to the immediate aid of the other person and staying within a distance from the other person that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact.

Nonresidents under the age of 17 may purchase regular resident and junior licenses.

The minimum age requirements for all licenses are listed on page 4. Youngsters who apply for a license through a drawing must be the minimum age when the license is purchased.

Resident junior archery deer hunting, junior small game, and junior fur harvester licenses are available to resident and nonresident hunters, ages 10-16, and grant the same privileges as the adult licenses.

Lost Licenses and Hunter Safety Certificates

If you lose your Michigan fishing, hunting or fur harvester license, you may purchase a replacement at any license dealer. You must provide the ID number used to purchase the original license. The full price will be charged to replace any license with a kill tag. All other licenses cost \$3 to be replaced.

For a replacement Michigan hunter safety certificate, contact a DNR Operations Service Center or call 517-373-3292.



Hunting and Trapping and Rifle/Shotgun Zones

Michigan is divided into Zones 1-2-3. Zone 1 includes all of the Upper Peninsula. The dividing line between Zones 2 and 3 is: From the Lake Michigan shoreline north of Muskegon Lake easterly on Memorial Drive to Ruddiman Drive to Lake Avenue, easterly on Lake Avenue to M-120 in North Muskegon,

northeasterly on M-120 to M-20, easterly on M-20 to US-10, easterly on US-10 to Garfield Road in Bay County, northerly on Garfield Road to Pinconning Road, easterly on Pinconning Road to Seven Mile Road, northerly on Seven Mile Road to Lincoln School Road (County Road 25) in Arenac County, northerly on Lincoln School Road to M-61, easterly on M-61 to US-23, easterly on US-23 to center line of AuGres River, southerly along center line of AuGres River to Saginaw Bay, easterly 90 degrees east for 7 miles



into Saginaw Bay, then northerly 78 degrees east to the International Boundary. **Exception:** The waterfowl hunting zone lines differ from those above. Refer to the 2006-2007 Waterfowl Hunting Guide for zone descriptions.

Michigan also is divided into a northern rifle zone where rifles may be used for firearm deer hunting and southern shotgun zone where only shotguns, muzzleloading rifles and certain handguns may be used (see page 9). The dividing line between the northern rifle deer hunting zone and the southern shotgun zone is as follows: Starting at a point on the Lake Michigan shoreline directly west of M-46, then easterly to M-46, then easterly along M-46 to US-131 at Cedar Springs, southerly on US-131 to M-57, easterly on M-57 to Montcalm Road on the Kent-Montcalm county line, southerly on Montcalm Road and the Kent-Ionia county line to M-44, easterly on M-44 to M-66, northerly on M-66 to M-57, easterly on M-52 to M-52 near Chesaning, northerly on M-52 to M-46, easterly on M-46 to M-47, northerly on M-47 to US-10 west of Bay City, easterly on US-10 to I-75, northerly on I-75 and US-23 to Beaver Road (about 1 mile north of Kawkawlin), easterly to Saginaw Bay, north 50 degrees east to the International Boundary.

Welcome New Hunters

Two new laws are in effect for the 2006 hunting seasons: one that lowers the hunting age and the other that creates an apprentice hunter program.

The new hunting age law lowers the age for hunting game from 12 to 10 years old, and lowers the age for hunting deer, bear and elk with a firearm on private land only from age 14 to 12. Under the new law, other than on land where their parent or guardian lives, youth hunters must be supervised in the field by a licensed adult hunter who must maintain unaided visual and verbal contact with the younger hunter at all times.

The apprentice hunter program allows individuals to hunt without the required hunter education course if accompanied and closely monitored by a licensed hunter 21 and older who is mentoring them in the sport. An apprentice hunter may participate in the program for two license years before being required to take a hunter safety course.

These new laws now let parents determine whether or not their children are ready to hunt. The apprentice program also gives adults who have not hunted before a chance to be mentored by an experienced hunter, so they can try the sport first before making a substantial commitment.

The DNR encourages parents, guardians and other adult hunters to take a youngster hunting this year. In passing on an important heritage to a new generation of hunters, you also will be helping them learn valuable lessons about responsibility, outdoor ethics and wildlife conservation.

Firearm and Bow and Arrow Rules

The rules listed below may not apply to a person having a concealed pistol license or a person specifically exempt by law from a concealed pistol license and who carries their handgun in accordance with their license or exemption.

Shell Capacity for Shotguns and Centerfire Rifles

It is unlawful to hunt with a semi-automatic shotgun or semi-automatic rifle, other than a .22 caliber rimfire, that can hold more than six shells in the barrel and magazine combined. Fully automatic firearms are illegal. All shotguns used for migratory game birds (including woodcock) must be plugged so the total capacity of the shotgun does not exceed three shells.

Archery Deer Seasons

During the archery deer seasons, it is illegal to carry afield a pistol, revolver or other firearm while bow hunting for deer, unless the individual is properly licensed to hunt deer with a firearm and is hunting in an area open to firearm deer hunting.

Exceptions: This prohibition does not apply to pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license or properly carried under authority of a specific exception from the requirement of a concealed pistol license. This does not authorize the individual to use the pistol to take game except as provided by law. During the special antlerless firearm deer seasons, a firearm deer hunter may carry afield a bow and arrow or firearm.

November 10-14

It is unlawful to carry afield or transport any rifle (including rimfire) or shotgun if you have buckshot, slug, ball loads or cut shells.

Exception: You may transport a firearm to your deer camp or to a target range during this period if the firearm is properly transported as described on page 10. A resident who holds a fur harvester license may carry a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm while hunting furbearers or checking a trap line during the open season for hunting furbearers or trapping furbearing animals. You also may target shoot on your own property provided there is no attempt to take game.

November 15-30 Firearm Deer Season

It is illegal for a person taking or attempting to take game to carry or possess afield a centerfire or muzzleloading rifle, a bow and arrow, a centerfire or black powder handgun, or a shotgun with buckshot, slug or ball loads or cut shells, unless you have in your possession a 2006 firearm deer, combination deer or antlerless deer license for the appropriate DMU, with an unused kill tag issued in your name, or a 2006 firearm deer, combination deer or antlerless deer license for the appropriate DMU issued in your name with an unused deer management assistance permit (DMA) kill tag or an unused managed deer hunt permit.

Muzzleloading Deer Seasons

During the December muzzleloading seasons, muzzleloading deer hunters can carry afield and use only a muzzleloading rifle, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a black powder handgun loaded with black powder or a commercially manufactured black powder substitute.

All Firearm Deer Seasons-Rifle Zone (See page 7)

In the rifle zone, deer may be taken with handguns, rifles, bows and arrows, shotguns and muzzleloading firearms including black powder handguns. It is legal to hunt deer in the rifle zone with any caliber of firearm except a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire (rifle or handgun). Crossbows are legal to use by a person 12 years of age or older during the Nov. 15-30 firearm deer season.

Exception: See Muzzleloading Deer Seasons for restrictions during this season.

All Firearm Deer Seasons-Shotgun Zone (See page 7)

In the shotgun zone, all hunters afield from Nov. 15-30, and all deer hunters in this zone during other deer seasons, must abide by the following firearm restrictions or use a bow and arrow. Crossbows are legal to use by a person 12 years of age or older during the Nov. 15-30 firearm deer season. Legal firearms are as follows:

- A shotgun may have a smooth or rifled barrel and may be of any gauge.
- A muzzleloading rifle or black powder handgun must be loaded with black powder or a commercially manufactured black powder substitute.
- A conventional (smokeless powder) handgun must be .35 caliber or larger and loaded with straight-walled cartridges and may be single- or multipleshot but cannot exceed a maximum capacity of nine rounds in the barrel and magazine combined.

Exception: See Muzzleloading Deer Seasons for restrictions during this season. From Nov. 15-30, .22 caliber or smaller rimfire rifles and handguns may be used to kill raccoon while hunting raccoons with dogs between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

License Requirement-Possession of Firearms and Bows and Arrows

A person taking or attempting to take game and in possession of a firearm, slingshot or bow and arrow must have the appropriate hunting license with them and must produce the license upon the request of a conservation officer or other law enforcement officer.

A hunting license is not required when target practicing or sighting-in a firearm at an identifiable, artificially constructed target, and there is no attempt to take game. A hunting license is not required for the carrying of a pistol for personal protection by a camper, hiker or person engaged in other recreational activities if there is no attempt to take game.

Transporting Firearms and Bows and Arrows

A hunting license is not required while transporting a firearm en route to or from a target, trap or skeet range, or target shooting area and there is no attempt to take game.

At all times, rifles, shotguns, muzzleloading and other firearms and bows and arrows carried in or on any type of motor vehicle, including ORVs and snowmobiles, must be unloaded in both barrel and magazine, and either enclosed in a case, or unstrung, or carried in the trunk of a vehicle with a trunk. These rules apply whether your vehicle is parked, stopped, moving or is on private or public property. A firearm transported in a motor-propelled boat or sailboat must be unloaded in both barrel and magazine when the motor is operating or the boat is under sail and may not be loaded until the momentum of the boat has ceased. Firearms must be unloaded in the barrel, and all arrows must be in a quiver when a hunter is afield outside the legal hunting hours. Exception: These rules do not apply to pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license or properly carried under authority of a specific exception from the requirement of a concealed pistol license.

A percussion cap muzzleloading longarm is considered unloaded if the percussion cap is removed. A flintlock muzzleloading longarm is considered unloaded if the cock is left down and the pan is open. Black powder handguns must be transported as stated above.

Hunter Orange Clothing Requirements

You may not hunt with any device, or trap with a firearm, on any lands during daylight hunting hours from August 15-April 30 unless you wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket or rain gear of highly visible color, commonly referred to as Hunter Orange. During the November firearm deer season, this law applies to all deer hunters, including those hunting with a bow and arrow. The garment, featuring Hunter Orange, must be the outermost garment and must be visible from all sides. Camouflage orange garments, with 50 percent or more of the surface in Hunter Orange, are legal.

Exception: This law does not apply to persons hunting waterfowl, crow and wild turkey, or to archery bear hunters. Archery deer hunters also are not required to wear Hunter Orange except during the youth firearm season and the November firearm deer season.

Statewide Handgun Regulations

The rules listed below may not apply to a person having a concealed pistol license or a person specifically exempt by law from a concealed pistol license and carrying their handgun in accordance with their license or exemption.

- ☐ While in the field, handguns must be carried in plain view. Carrying a handgun in a holster in plain view is permitted.
- ☐ You may transport your registered handguns while en route to and from your hunting or target shooting area; however, handguns, including BB guns larger than .177 caliber and all pellet guns, must be unloaded and in a closed case designed for the storage of firearms in the trunk of the vehicle. If the vehicle does not have a trunk, the handgun must be unloaded and in a closed case designed for the storage of firearms and cannot be readily accessible to any occupant of the vehicle.
- □ It is a crime for certain felons to possess firearms, including rifles and shotguns, in Michigan. For more information regarding statewide handgun regulations, obtaining a concealed pistol license or Michigan concealed weapons and firearms laws, contact your local police department.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

Michigan is a member of the "Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact," an agreement whereby participating states share information about fish and game violators and honor each other's decision to deny licenses and permits.

Poachers beware. If your hunting, fishing or trapping license is revoked in Michigan, you will lose your privileges in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Failure to comply with the terms of a wildlife-related citation may result in license suspension in participating states.

Mandatory Penalties for Certain Hunting Violations

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Violation of permits, season, bag limits, shooting hours and methods of taking game	\$50 to \$500 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail.
Illegal taking/possession of deer, bear or wild turkey	\$200 to \$1,000 fine and 5 to 90 days in jail, restitution of \$1500 for bear, \$1000 for deer/turkey, plus revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next 3 consecutive years.
Illegal use of artificial light with bow and arrow or firearm	\$100 to \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail, plus revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next consecutive year.
Carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or drugs	\$500 fine and/or up to 93 days in jail.
Multiple offender: Two convictions within preceding five years	\$500 to \$2,000 fine and 10 to 180 days in jail.



Safety Zones Around Buildings

Safety zones are all areas within 150 yards (450 feet) of an occupied building, house, cabin, or any barn or other building used in a farm operation. No person, including archery and crossbow hunters, may hunt or discharge a firearm, crossbow or bow in a safety zone, or shoot at any wild animal or wild bird within a safety zone, without the written permission of the owner or occupant of such safety zone. The safety zone applies to hunting only. It does not apply to indoor or outdoor shooting ranges, target shooting, law enforcement activities or the discharge of firearms, crossbows or bows for any non-hunting purpose.

Hunting Hours

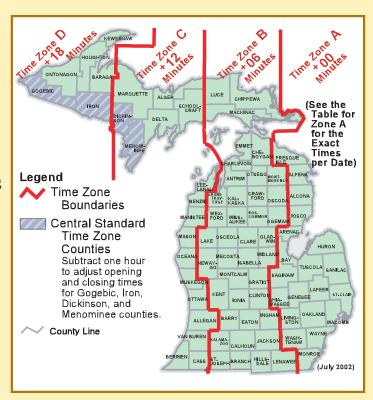
Below is a map of the 2006-2007 hunting hour time zones. Actual legal hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) for Zone A are printed on page 13.

To determine the opening (a.m.) and closing (p.m.) time for any day in another zone, add the minutes shown below to the times listed in the Zone A Hunting Hours Table.

The hunting hour listed in the table reflects Eastern Standard Time, with an adjustment for Daylight Savings Time. If you are hunting in Gogebic, Iron, Dickinson or Menominee counties (Central Standard Time), you must make an additional adjustment to the printed time by subtracting one hour.

Exceptions:

Woodcock hunting hours are sunrise to sunset. Spring turkey hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset. Waterfowl hunting hours are onehalf hour before sunrise to sunset. See page 35 for rules about hunting raccoon, fox, coyote and opossum at night.



Zone A. Bear, Deer, Fall Wild Turkey, Furbearer and Small Game Hunting Hours Table* One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset (adjusted for Daylight Savings Time)

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^{*}Exceptions: Woodcock hunting hours are sunrise to sunset. Spring turkey hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset. Waterfowl hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Townships with Hunting Restrictions

- No hunting with firearms in Oakland County townships of Auburn, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield, Farmington, Southfield and Waterford. (State lands in Waterford Township are open.)
- No hunting with firearms in Macomb County townships of Clinton, Sterling or Harrison.
- No hunting with firearms in Wayne County townships of Redford and Northville, and in the city of Detroit, including waters of the Detroit River.
- ☐ Grosse Ile Township in Wayne County is closed to all hunting.

 Parts of townships in these counties are closed to hunting or restricted to types of firearms or the discharge of firearms as posted: Alcona, Arenac, Barry, Berrien, Crawford, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Iosco, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Livingston, Macomb, Manistee, Mason, Oakland, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Saginaw, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne. (These areas are posted with the restrictions.) For descriptions, contact the appropriate township clerk or township police department.

Tagging Big Game and Furbearers

Immediately after killing a deer, bear, elk or turkey, you must validate your kill tag and fasten it to the antler, lower jaw or lower leg in such a manner that the tag remains securely attached to the animal. Make sure the kill tag is completely legible and visible for inspection. It is unlawful to tag an animal you did not legally kill. The kill tag must remain attached until you process or butcher the animal, or the animal is accepted for processing and recorded by a commercial processor or taxidermist

Note: If the antlers or head are returned to the person submitting the animal to the commercial processor, the kill tag shall accompany the head or antlers.

Immediately after taking a bobcat, otter, fisher or marten, you must validate your kill tag and fasten it in such a manner that the tag remains securely attached to the animal. For details on furbearer kill tags and proper placement, see page 38. Make sure the kill tag is completely legible and visible for inspection. It is unlawful to tag an animal you did not legally kill.

Transportation of Game

You may transport your own and another person's lawfully taken game. You cannot destroy the identity or evidence of the sex of any bird or animal, except for processed or butchered deer, bear and elk as noted below. If you are transporting migratory birds, one fully feathered wing must be left on the bird. If transporting another person's migratory birds, they must be tagged with the person's name, signature and home address, and the number of birds by species, dates of kill and small game license number.

If you butcher your deer, elk or bear, or have the animal butchered by a commercial processor before going home, the head of the animal along with the kill tag or seal must accompany the butchered animal during transport.

Exception: If you submit the head for TB or CWD testing, you must have the kill tag and disease tag receipt in your possession. Nonresidents may need to comply with restrictions in other states for importing game taken in Michigan.

Information for Hunters with Disabilities

Legally blind hunters may take an animal during the lawful hunting hours for that animal using a crossbow or a firearm with a laser sighting device if the following conditions are met:

- The person is assisted by a sighted person who is at least 18 years of age.
- The sighted person must possess proof of a current or previous hunting license or proof of successful completion of a Hunter Safety class, and
- ☐ The legally blind person must possess the appropriate hunting license and proof of impairment in the form of a Secretary of State ID Card.

Modified Bow Permit

A person applying for a modified bow permit must be permanently disabled, have full use of only one arm, and upon investigation is unable to hold, aim and shoot a bow or compound bow. To apply, contact the nearest DNR Operations Service Center.

Crossbow Permits for Disabled Hunters

A hunter with a disability applying for a crossbow permit must have at least 80 percent permanent disability, in combination or individual impairment, of a hand, elbow or shoulder. The disability may be the result of amputation or other injury or disability. To apply, contact the nearest DNR Operations Service Center. Standing Vehicle Permit and Special Disabled Firearm Hunt

A person applying for a standing vehicle permit must be unable to walk due to being a paraplegic or an amputee or must be permanently disabled and unable to walk due to other disease or injury. To apply, contact the nearest DNR Operations Service Center. A person issued a permit to hunt deer from a standing vehicle may hunt deer with a firearm on private lands Oct. 21-22, 2006.

Resident Veterans who are Disabled

A resident who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled, for a disability other than blindness, and entitled to full benefits, is eligible to purchase any senior licenses. A letter from the Veterans Administration stating you are totally and permanently disabled and eligible for veterans benefits at the 100 percent rate is required. Use of Ground Blinds on Public Land by Hunters with Disabilities

Any person who has been issued a permit to hunt from a standing vehicle, or who has been issued a disabled person parking permit by the Secretary of State, or who meets the disability standards set forth in the Michigan Off-Road Recreational Vehicle Law, may use a constructed ground blind on public land. If the blind is left overnight on public land, the following conditions must be met:

- ☐ The blind is placed on public land no earlier then 10 days prior to the hunting season for which it is used and is removed at the end of that season.
- ☐ The disabled person has attached, etched, engraved or painted their name and address on the blind.
- ☐ Fasteners, if used to anchor or attach the blind, cannot penetrate the bark of a tree and must be removed with the blind.
- ☐ A non-disabled person can assist a disabled person in constructing a legal blind on public land.
 - See note on page 34 for removal exemption on local public agency lands.